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5. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 3, wherein when said stencil printer is selected and displayed, said displaying means displays how much said stencil printer is advantageous in printing cost than at least one of the other printers of the plurality of printers.

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9. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 7, wherein when said stencil printer is selected and displayed, said displaying means displays how much stencil printer is advantageous in printing cost than at least one of the other printers of the plurality of printers.

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11. (Amended) A printer selecting device comprising:
accepting means for accepting input information representative of a desired number of printings;
operating and displaying means for displaying on an operation and display section a plurality of printers together with printer-by-printer additional information indicating a printing cost for decision and based on the desired number of printings in such a manner that any one of said plurality of printers can be selected; and
data outputting means for outputting image data to be printed to the printer selected on said operation and display section.

12. (Amended) A printer as claimed in claim 11, wherein said printer-by-printer additional information also indicates at least one of a printing time, and an image quality level.

13. (Amended) A printing system comprising:
at least one image data supply device for outputting image data to be printed;
at least one number setting device for setting a desired number of printings;
a plurality of different kinds of printers each being capable of printing the image data received from said at least one image data supply device; and

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~~a printer selecting device comprising accepting means for accepting input information~~
representative of the desired number of printings, selecting means for selecting a printer
having a lowest printing cost from said plurality of printers matching with the desired number
of printings, and data outputting means for outputting the image data to the printer selected
by said selecting means.

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21. (Amended) A printing system comprising:
at least one image data supply device for feeding image data to be printed;
at least one number setting device for setting a desired number of printings;
a plurality of different kinds of printers each being capable of printing the image data
received from said at least one image data supply device; and
a printer selecting device comprising accepting means for accepting input information
representative of the desired number of printings, selecting means for selecting a printer
having a lowest printing cost from said plurality of printers matching with the desired number
of printings, and data outputting means for outputting the image data to the printer selected
by said selecting means.

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29. (Amended) A printing system comprising:
at least one image data supply device for feeding image data to be printed;
at least one number setting device for setting a desired number of printings;
a plurality of different kinds of printers each being capable of printing the image data
received from said at least one image data supply device;
a printer selecting device comprising accepting means for accepting input information
representative of the desired number of printings, selecting means for selecting an adequate
one of said plurality of printers matching with the desired number of printings, and data

~~outputting means for outputting the image data to the printer selected by said selecting~~
means; and

displaying means for displaying the printer selected by said selecting means on a display section;

said selecting means selecting, when said plurality of printers include a stencil printer, said stencil printer if the desired number of printings is greater than a preselected reference number inclusive.

Please add new Claims 37-49 as follows:

~~37. (New) A printer selecting device comprising:~~

an accepting section configured to accept input information representative of a desired number of printings;

a selecting section configured to select a printer having a lowest printing cost from a plurality of printers matching with the desired number of printings; and

a data outputting section configured to output image data to be printed to the printer selected by said selecting section.

38. (New) A device as claimed in claim 37, wherein when said plurality of printers include a stencil printer, and said selecting section selects said stencil printer if the desired number of printings is greater than a preselected reference number inclusive.

39. (New) A device as claimed in claim 38, further comprising a displaying section configured to cause a display to show said printer selected by said selecting section.

40. (New) A device as claimed in claim 39, wherein said displaying section displays said printer such that another printer can be substituted for said printer, as desired.

41. (New) A device as claimed in claim 39, wherein when said stencil printer is selected and displayed, and said displaying section displays how much said stencil printer is advantageous in printing cost than at least one of the other printers in the plurality of printers.

42. (New) A printer selecting device comprising:
an accepting section configured to accept input information representative of a desired number of printings;
an operating and displaying section configured to display on an operation and display section a plurality of printers together with printer-by-printer additional information indicating at least a printing cost for decision and based on the desired number of printings in such a manner that any one of said plurality of printers can be selected; and
a data outputting section configured to output image data to be printed to the printer selected on said operation and display section.

43. (New) A printer as claimed in claim 42, wherein said printer-by-printer additional information also indicates a printing time, and an image quality level.

44. (New) A printing system comprising:
at least one image data supply device configured to output image data to be printed;
at least one number setting device configured to set a desired number of printings;
a plurality of different kinds of printers each being capable of printing the image data received from said at least one image data supply device; and
a printer selecting device including an accepting section configured to accept input information representative of the desired number of printings, a selecting section configured to select a printer having a lowest printing cost from said plurality of printers matching with the desired number of printings, and a data outputting section configured to output the image data to the printer selected by said selecting section.